

**Palos Heights School District 128  
Minutes of Board of Education Meeting  
May 13, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Palos Heights School District 128 was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Dr. Edward T. Rancic Administrative Center, 12809 S. McVicker, Palos Heights, Illinois.

Mrs. Yerkes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Yerkes, Lachowicz, Lynch, Touhy, Bylut, Joseph Haberkorn

Absent: Josh Haberkorn

**Visitors**

Cathy Leslie, Sharon Herman, Lynn Adamonis, Mary Lynn Duffy, Kevin Kirk, Dr. Dawn Green, Kim Kurtz, Elizabeth Holman, Lauren Weaver, Pam Peters, Gayle Greenwald, Joyce Kopera, Darlene Callahan, Pam Koutras, Cindy Drabeck, Jennifer Roat, Jean Armon, Mary Ann White, Mary Beierle, Jennifer Landers, Kristin Restivo, Beata Poradowski, the Lang Family, S. Sera, Alexi Koutras

**Audience Participation**

None.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Casey introduced Mary Pat Touhy, newly elected member of the Board of Education.

Dr. Casey recognized students from Independence Jr. High who participated and were selected for Youth in Government. The students served as Mayor and Aldermen of Palos Heights for a day. Also recognized were the Regional and State First Place winners of the Econ Illinois Economic Poster Project, and students who received recognition from the Illinois Principals' Association. Mrs. Yerkes awarded certificates to the all of the students on behalf of the Board and congratulated them on their successes.

Dr. Casey recognized Pam Peters and Gayle Greenwald for receiving a summer fellowship for the Chicago Area Writing Project. Kevin Kirk also recognized Pam Peters for the Above and Beyond Award. Sharon Herman recognized Pam Koutras, Navajo School secretary, Mary Lynn Duffy recognized Lauren Weaver, Chippewa/Navajo music teacher, and Cathy Leslie recognized Cindy Drabeck, Indian Hill school secretary.

Dr. Casey received a call from Mike Leonard from the Palos Recreation Department, discussing their plans to apply for the OSLAD Grant. She and Mr. Kirk will meet with Mr. Leonard to discuss the details.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

It was moved by Dr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Lachowicz that the Board approves the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on April 8, 2015, and the Special Meeting of April 29, 2015, as presented; the May, 2015 bills payable and gross April, 2015 payroll, TRS and IMRF Fund in the amount of \$748,713.68 (copy of same to be appended to and become a part of the minutes of this meeting); reviews and approves the activity accounts of the District's schools; approves the Resolution for Prevailing Wage; approves the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Palos Heights/Rec Center for the OSLAD Grant; and approves the employment of Lynn Adamonis as principal of Navajo School, approves a 3 year contract and pay increase for Kevin Kirk, Independence principal, approves a 3 year contract for Kim Anoman, Business Manager, approves the employment of Anna Beyer at MA+24 Step 2, as social worker, replacing Mary Ann White who is retiring, and pay increases for administrators and support staff for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mrs. Lachowicz requested Consent Agenda item E – Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Palos Heights/Rec Center for the OSLAD Grant, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call for the remaining Consent Agenda items:

Ayes: Lynch, Joseph Haberkorn, Bylut, Lachowicz, Touhy, Yerkes

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Board members discussed the approval of the agreement and the Rec Center's plans for the land in question. Exception was taken to the term "intergovernmental agreement", and it was determined that it should be called an "approval to apply for the grant". The Rec Center is looking for a commitment from the Board that the District will partner with the Rec Center on this project and keep the land open for 25 years. This commitment is necessary in order for the Rec Center to apply for the OSLAD Grant.

It was moved by Mrs. Yerkes and seconded by Mrs. Touhy that the District approves an agreement with the City of Palos Heights Recreation Department, pending District attorney review, to apply for the grant with the understanding that the land between the Rec Center and Independence Jr. High will be open space for 25 years.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lynch, Yerkes, Touhy, Joseph Haberkorn

Nays: Bylut, Lachowicz

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Principal Kevin Kirk reported on the 2011 Senior Class Reunion held at Independence Jr. High on April 23. Approximately 50 graduates of the 2011 class of former students attended the reunion. This annual event is anticipated and enjoyed by returning high

school seniors who attended Independence.

Mr. Haberkorn discussed snow days on the school calendars including late starting times on snow days instead of taking full snow days off. Dr. Casey stated the major problem is the bus company scheduling causes a conflict with transportation of high school students. She also stated there is legislation in Springfield to have E-Learning days instead of snow days. Assignments would be up on the District’s website or from classroom teachers so the District would get attendance credit for those days and not be required to make them up at the end of the school year.

**Old Business**

None.

**Audience Participation**

Kristin Restivo addressed the Board regarding enrollment and if the registration numbers have determined the class sizes.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Joseph Haberkorn and seconded by Mrs. Yerkes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Board President, Mrs. Yerkes, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Secretary